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Domestic abuse victims are urged to 'Speak Out'

DOMESTIC violence victims
are being urged to 'Speak Out'
against their torment, as part
of a new campaign.

The Speak Out Today drive,
launched on Monday, also
encourages those closest to vic-
tims to bring instances of domes-
tic abuse to light and help bring
offenders to justice.

Domestic incidents are the
only identified incident type
that shows a significantly higher
level of reporting in the run-up to
Christmas compared to a period
earlier in December.

On average over the past six
years, 20 per cent more domestic
incidents have been reported at
this time of year than in a similar
period earlier in the month.

Research shows that a victim
of domestic abuse is likely to
experience 35 separate incidents
before calling the police.

Superintendent Ben Snuggs
said: "Domestic abuse is violent
crime, plain and simple and we
work hard throughout the year
to protect victims and target
perpetrators."

"However, as our research
shows that there is a dis-

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tinct increase in the run up to
Christmas and over the New
Year period, we are encourag-
ing victims, offenders and wit-
nesses to come forward, report
domestic abuse and seek help
and advice.

"The message is simple: Speak
Out Today."

Supt Snuggs and an Indepen-
dent Domestic Violence Advisor
held a live webchat yesterday,
answering queries on the topic.

Police and Crime Commis-
sioner for Hampshire and the
Isle of Wight, Simon Hayes,
said: "Domestic abuse affects
many more people across Hamp-
shire and Isle of Wight than we
know."

"I am working with partners to
ensure the best possible provi-
sion is available to those affected
by violence and abuse."

"Statistics show that nationally
66 per cent of domestic abuse
victims have children."

"These children are at
increased risk of developing
behavioural problems and men-
tal health issues, possibly going
on to be vulnerable to abusive

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It's overwhelming - I'm very proud!

AN RAF Odiham service-woman has been honoured for her work in the aftermath of a suicide bombing in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Anna Irwin was presented with the 'Most Outstanding Airman' award at the sixth annual 'Night of Heroes' ceremony last Wednesday (December 11).

The awards honoured the professionalism and bravery of serving members of the armed forces.

Sgt Irwin, originally from Stoke-on-Trent in Staffordshire, was chosen for her work in recovering casualties from an attack at a UK patrol base in Helmand Province.

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She and her team had flown to the scene in a Chinook.

"Once airborne, we could see a big plume of smoke," said Sgt Irwin. "We were told casualty numbers were changing and I sensed there was a big incident."

"I saw more and more people coming through the fog. The medic went out to triage and the RAF Regiment lads went out to give protection."

"It was chaotic, there was loads of firing."

She then oversaw the procedure of getting the injured on

board the rescue helicopter, being fired at by insurgents the entire time.

And at one point, a rocket-propelled grenade exploded nearby.

"I've been in lots of situations, but never been under so much fire before. When I was off the cab, there was a massive explosion and it shook the cab and I felt it through my body, in my chest."

It's for me to keep the crew informed, that we still have guys off the back of the ramp that we're still working with the casualties and to reassure them that the aircraft is OK, even though they can see bullets splashing around."

It's really important that the guys on the ground know that there is somebody there that will come and get them if they get in trouble.

"It's hard for me to think I've been nominated, for the guys on the ground it was a whole lot worse."

"It's overwhelming to win as a crewman, I'm very proud."

Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall were the guests of honour at the ceremony at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

They were joined by Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife Samantha, as well as many senior government and military figures.

Police are on the hunt for man who robbed pizza delivery driver

POLICE have issued an image of a man they want to speak to in connection with the robbery of a pizza delivery driver in Basingstoke.

The driver tried to deliver the food to a house in Lilac Way on October 30 between 11pm to 11.30pm, but there was no answer.

Upon returning to his car, he was challenged by another man, who got into the front passenger

seat and threatened him.

He took the pizza from the driver and fled the scene.

The man is described as 5ft 10ins tall, of a medium build and had very short mousy brown hair.

He was wearing a green or blue Nike tracksuit with a zip up top and scruffy white trainers.

PC Ed Tyrie said: "Please take a look at this image. Do

you know who the man is? If you know who is responsible for this robbery, please contact me as soon as possible."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Tyrie at Basingstoke Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers.

Police want to speak to this man about the robbery of a pizza delivery driver. Do you recognise him?



Year 6 children maintain high standards

YEAR six children in Hampshire have continued to show high standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

The final performance tables for Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) have just been released.

An impressive 87 per cent of Hampshire children achieved the nationally expected level four or above in mathematics, 88 per cent in reading and 84 per cent in writing.

The percentage of those achieving level four in all areas continues to improve and has reached 78 per cent.

A significant proportion (22 per cent) continue to reach the higher

standard of level 5 in all three subject areas.

All of these figures are higher than the provisionally reported national figures for state primary schools.

Councillor Peter Edgar, executive member for Education, said: "These results reflect the high standards and hard work of our children, teachers and local authority staff."

"These children have now started secondary school with the tools to be successful in this phase of their

education.

"We are ambitious for our schools and the pupils who are educated by them."

"To this end we continue to support and challenge Hampshire schools and they continue to achieve high standards and strive to improve further."

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Monkey business

A MAN is awaiting sentence after admitting causing unnecessary suffering to his pet monkey.

Richard Walton, 32, kept three-year-old Milo the marmoset in a birdcage, and the monkey weighed almost half his normal mass when he was rescued by the RSPCA in June.

Walton, who also took the animal to the pub on a lead, will be sentenced on January 16, pending a psychiatric report.

Poppy box theft

POLICE have charged a 36-year-old man following the theft of two Poppy Appeal collection boxes in Fleet.

The boxes were stolen on Tuesday, October 29 from two premises on Fleet Road.

The man, from Basingstoke, has been charged with two offences of theft.

He has been bailed to appear at Aldershot Magistrates Court on January 16.



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Deal agreed on cost of shopping centre

AN AGREEMENT has finally been reached over the refurbishment costs of a Basingstoke shopping centre.

Discussions have been ongoing between Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) and construction firm Wates have settled on a £6.5million figure for the Malls centre.

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Building work on the facelift of the centre was completed in 2011, but there has been a debate on the final figure due to additional work needed during the project.

The council said The Malls' facelift was a complicated scheme as it needed to remain open during the refurbishment, making it difficult to forecast all the costs in advance.

Determining a final figure has meant months of discussions between the council and the building contractor, with a final

settlement just signed.

BDBC's cabinet member for Property, Finance and Commissioning, Cllr John Izett, said: "I am pleased that a settlement has been reached with the main building contractors, Wates, in the long running negotiations over the final cost of the project."

"The decision to invest in The Malls has stopped the area from going into decline and given a boost to the town as a whole."

"New retailers have been attracted to the centre and the footfall rates are up."

"All of this is good for Basingstoke's position as a regional retail centre and The Malls is now a much more attractive gateway to the town for people arriving by public transport."

"It is important to recognise the lasting outcome of this investment which is the real improvement in the shopping experience that Basingstoke provides. Because the final building costs have exceeded the original budget, a report, which

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will be made available to the public and councillors, has been commissioned to establish how the extra costs over the additional works arose and any lessons to be learned."

Work on the centre included new lighting and toilets, new lifts, removing concrete canopies and a new entrance archway.

Gary Campbell-Dykes, business unit director for Wates Construction, Southern Home Counties and South West, said: "The complex renovation of The Malls has, as hoped, fulfilled Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's vision for a vibrant and attractive retail facility for the town."

"However, the project was not without its challenges and I am pleased that our negotiations with the council with regards to the financial settlement for the refurbishment have reached a mutually agreeable conclusion."

Man 'dragged other man out of his car'

A MAN has reportedly dragged another man from his car in a blinding fit of road rage in Basingstoke.

The incident happened on December 3, when the victim, driving a silver Ford Fiesta, was involved in a dispute with the offender, who was driving a Volkswagen Crafter van.

The man driving the van is believed to have dragged the victim - a 20-year-old man - out of his car, smashed his wing mirror and threatened him.

The offender is described as white, of a stocky build, about 5ft 10ins tall and aged in his late 40s.

He had short light brown hair and was wearing a blue jumper, blue jeans and light blue shoes. He also had a red 'sleeve' tattoo on his left arm.

PC Kirsten Studd said: "There is likely to have been several people in the area at the time who may have seen this incident."

"One man is believed to have driven past and slowed and spoken to the offender - I need to know who this man is. Please come forward if it was you."

Call PC Studd on 101 or Crimestoppers with any information.

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AWE's festive fun run for cancer charity



• AWE staff members turn out in their best Christmas outfits for the AWE Christmas charity one-mile run

AWE Aldermaston staff have taken part in a fundraising Christmas run aimed at raising cash to help combat cancer.

On December 10, AWE staff turned out to support colleague Wendy Gregory in her fundraising and took part in the mile-long run in memory of her husband Andrew.

Wendy and her AWE colleagues have raised over £7,000 towards immunotherapy research.

Since her husband's death earlier this year, she has raised more than £5,000 towards a Centre for Cancer Immunology at the Univer-

sity of Southampton and £2,500 for immunotherapy research being undertaken at Southampton Cancer Research UK Centre.

Wendy said: "None of this would have been possible without the generous support from my friends and colleagues at AWE, the Basingstoke Choral Society, St Michaels Church and Choir Basingstoke and Tadley Bootcamp."

"I was amazed at how Andrew's story touched the hearts of so many people."

"I think it made everyone realise how short and precious life is and that cancer can happen to any-

one."

Tim Elliot, Professor of Experimental Medicine at the University of Southampton, praised Wendy's efforts.

He said: "We would like to extend our gratitude to Wendy for her generous contribution."

"Over the next few years we aim to raise £10million that will be added to funds already received, which will allow us to build this dedicated research centre."

"Wendy's generous donation will enable us to create and develop this new centre for cancer immunology research."

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Man arrested after grabbing incident in Basingstoke

POLICE have arrested a man who grabbed a 10-year-old girl from behind in Basingstoke last Tuesday.

The girl was walking along Pinkerton Road, South Ham, near the junction with Paddock Road, at around 4.40pm when she was attacked.

The girl kicked out at the man and then ran home. She was not injured.

The 36-year-old man from Basingstoke has been released on bail until Tuesday, January 14 pending further enquiries.

Detective Constable Andy Gibbs said: "This is a busy time of day and people may have been going home from work or school."

"Did you see anything suspicious?"

Officers from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team conducted extra patrols in the South Ham area throughout last week.

Anyone with any further information should contact Det Con Gibbs at Basingstoke Police Station on 101.

Alternatively, call the independent charity Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111, where information can be left anonymously.

No personal details are taken and you will not be required to go to court.

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A million reasons to be celebrating

A BASINGSTOKE-BASED charity is celebrating after raising a staggering £1million from its recycling scheme.

The Fire Fighters Charity, whose head office is in Basing View, started the textile recycling scheme in summer 2009.

Since then, over 7,000 tonnes have been shifted away from landfill sites, with wearable items sent to developing countries and 'unwearables' recycled into day-to-day products.

The charity's chief executive, John Parry, said: "We would

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like to say a huge thank you to all of our supporters who have recycled with us over the last four years.

"We do however need people to continue to support the scheme and help us keep fire fighters fit, healthy and happy so they can continue saving lives."

"It costs £9million a year to keep The Fire Fighters Charity

running and with no government funding, we rely completely on the donations and goodwill of our supporters."

Sales manager Kevin Biles, who runs the charity's recycling scheme, added: "This is a fantastic way to not only raise much needed funds for The Fire Fighters Charity, but also reduce landfill and help developing countries with the supply of clothing."

"Sustainable income is vital to any modern charity, and recycling as an income stream

helps and affects so many people, whilst fulfilling our social responsibilities."

There are 500 of the charity's clothing banks around the UK, with the first of these installed in Kettering in Northamptonshire.

Chief fire officer Martyn Emberson of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service added: "Recycling is the one thing we can all do for the environment. It's easy, it's simple, and it saves natural resources as well as energy."



• The Fire Fighters Charity has now raised £1million through recycling

News Bites

Beating the blues

A COURSE of fitness sessions aimed at people living with depression kicks off in the New Year at Basingstoke Sports Centre.

The 12-week Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds programme starts on January 13 from 11am until 12 noon.

This programme is aimed at people experiencing mild to moderate depression, anxiety and stress at a reduced price of £3 per session.

In the money?

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice have announced the winners from their draw from Friday.

Brighton Hill ticket 08243 takes first prize of £1,000, while Worting ticket 34505 scoops second prize of £100. Third prize of £50 goes to 60966 of Beggarwood, while fourth prize of £20 goes to 95039 of Basingstoke.

Sixteen prizes of £5 have been awarded to tickets 12604, 22296, 22480, 24769, 37510, 48625, 59188, 60435, 60696, 62987, 63964, 84579, 85893, 86267, 95197 and 95357.

Pub honoured

A HARTLEY Wintney pub manager admitted he "welled up" after the premises secured a top restaurant honour.

The Cricketers has been awarded Three Stars by the Sustainable Restaurant Association, praising its environmental and social impact.

Manager Mark Thornhill said: "To get the Three Star rating from the SRA is the culmination of a lot of hard work and it's an emotional thing for all of us."



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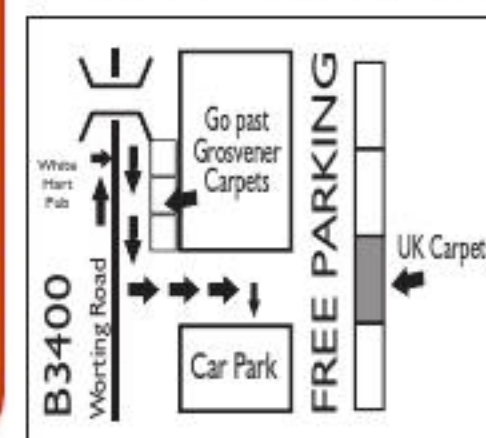


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• BMI Hampshire's clinic team

We need to build on this

A SURVEY has found Basingstoke's patients value caring staff as the most important factor when staying in hospital.

The Care poll, conducted by BMI Hampshire Clinic in Basingstoke, focused on attitude towards caring for others and how people view professions that deliver care.

The survey also indicates how

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important social media is when staying in touch with people.

Director of clinical services at BMI Hampshire Clinic, Julie Berry, said: "The survey reveals

some reassuring information about the community where we live and work.

"It is good to know that residents across Basingstoke believe reaching out to others is still an important part of their busy lives."

While 10 per cent said they would look for clean facilities, 90 per cent said it was the caring staff that was their most important requirement.

Julie added: "It has to be recognised that although our nurses are incredibly caring, the care delivered to our patients is extended throughout the hospital by all of our staff.

"From our porters, who greet our patients, to the catering staff and to our

team in pharmacy; everybody here at BMI Hampshire Clinic is passionate about care and goes above and beyond to try and make every patient's stay here as comfortable as possible."

Executive director Bruce Robinson said: "The patient survey stands as a great insight into how we all perform.

"We are very proud of our hospital and we make it our priority to work as hard as possible to make each patient's journey through the hospital as smooth and as compassionate as possible.

"The results around care are an important indicator of how well we perform across the hospital and we monitor the results very closely.

"We take all feedback on board and use it constructively, as it helps us look at how we deliver our care.

"I would like to thank the team for the continued hard work and for the energy they give.

"It is also important to realise the need to build on this, which is something we'll be aiming to do throughout 2014."

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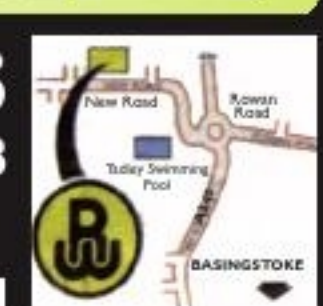
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Boxing Day bus services

STAGECOACH is running bus services on Boxing Day in Basingstoke for the first time in recent years, after feedback showed an increased demand from shoppers for help getting to the festive sales.

The company will run special timetables so shoppers can catch buses after Christmas parties or hitting the sales.

The new Boxing Day services reflects the greater number of high street shops that are opening early for the sales.

Services will run on Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Jazz 3 and Jazz 6, serving Chineham, East Popple, South Ham, Winklebury, Hatch Warren, Brighton Hill, Tadley & Baughurst. Most will

run hourly between approximately 9am and 7pm.

The same service will run on New Year's Day.

Mark Turner, commercial director for Stagecoach, said: "Due to the increase in shopping opportunities and the popularity of Boxing Day sales, we believe there is demand for a service on this day and we are excited to offer this to residents of Basingstoke for the first time in recent years.

"While some people may still be tucking into turkey sandwiches, other Basingstoke residents are keen to be first in line at the sales and customers told us they'd like to be able to reach those bargains on the bus, rather than having to drive."

Council and bus service in five-year agreement

TRIPS between town and the Leisure Park on the popular Centre Shuttle have been guaranteed for another five years after Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council signed a new deal with Stagecoach.

The new service, beginning in March, will continue to provide the same regular timetable linking the Leisure Park with the town centre, railway station and Basing View until late at night, seven days a week.

With buses running four times an hour each day, people using the Centre Shuttle can park their car, for free, in the designated Centre Shuttle area at the Leisure Park and catch the shuttle bus into the town centre.

The council's cabinet member for Partnerships, Cllr Cathy Osselton, said: "The shuttle provides a reliable and regu-

lar service that links the centre of town and all activities at the Leisure Park, while reducing traffic congestion.

"I am very pleased that through the new tender process and testing the market with several companies, we have managed to assure that this popular service will continue in the same way while also making savings on the council subsidy."

Andrew Dyer, managing director of Stagecoach South said: "We are delighted to have secured this contract to operate the prestigious Centre Shuttle service for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

"We will be working in close cooperation with the council to develop and improve the service for the future.

"This will include the launch of brand new, state of the art buses during 2014."

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On your marks

ALTON residents are being encouraged to dress up in their best Christmas outfits and put on their running shoes for the town's annual 3-2-1 charity fun run next Saturday.

Town Mayor Derek Gardner will fire the starting pistol at the stroke of 11am at Anstey Park.

Money raised will be donated to Naomi House and Jackspace and Marfield Nursing and Residential Home.

Let's get active

FREE swimming lessons are being offered to over 55s in the Basingstoke and Deane area.

The course, aimed at beginners but also catering for those wanting to improve their technique, starts on January 9 at the Basingstoke Sports Centre.

The 30-minute lessons last for 10 weeks, and take place every Thursday afternoon. For information, call 01256 845752.

Be prepared

BASINGSTOKE residents are being advised to stock up on medicines as we head into the festive period.

Health officials hope to avoid any last-minute rush for medicines in the region over the Christmas break.

Medical director for NHS England in Wessex, Dr Stuart Ward, said: "This is a hectic time of year, and it's very easy to overlook the need to order and collect a repeat prescription. For some patients, this could potentially be very serious."

First acts announced for Basingstoke Live

By James Booker

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A LEGENDARY Liverpool soul combo and a breakthrough South London hip hop duo are the first acts announced for next year's Basingstoke Live.

Seventies hitmakers The Real Thing – who have sold more than three million singles – will headline the main stage on Sunday July 13.

Meanwhile, Saturday's headline act will be Brit hip hop heroes Krypt and Konan.

With 2013's MOBO Best Newcomer award under their belt and millions of YouTube views, their recent signing to Virgin EMI guarantees that by next summer their name will be familiar to even more fans.

The free two-day musical extravaganza – funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, working with the Basingstoke Live Forum – will celebrate its eighth year in 2014.

Other acts for the five stages will be announced in the New Year.

Organisers are promising the "usual fantastic mix of rock, indie, house, hip hop, drum and bass, reggae, funk and acoustic music, along with workshops and demonstrations".

Basingstoke Live will take place in the War Memorial Park as it brings the curtain down on Basingstoke Festival 2014.

BDBC's cabinet member for Partnerships, Cllr Cathy Osselton, said: "Basingstoke Live offers something for every music lover and the involvement of these two very different headline acts underlines that."

"I look forward to the announcement of many more diverse acts featuring talent from the borough in the coming months to set up another fantastic festival for all the family."

More line-up news will be revealed at www.basingstoke-live.co.uk.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

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Helping the fight against cystic fibrosis

A BASINGSTOKE charity has teamed up with dietitians to create a special booklet designed to help families of children with cystic fibrosis.

Anna's Challenges is a charity dedicated to creating awareness and raising funds for children with cystic fibrosis in Basingstoke and the surrounding areas who attend Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

And they have got together with NHS dietitians in the region to create the Yummy Yum Food

Fun booklet of nutritious and fun recipes designed for the families of children living with cystic fibrosis.

The recipes were provided by the cystic fibrosis team and families of children with cystic fibrosis.

Pediatric Dietician Annaruby Cunjamalay said: "Good nutrition is an important part of the treatment for cystic fibrosis."

"Yummy Yum Food Fun brings together advice on a high calorie diet and a range of tasty and

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Cystic fibrosis affects over 8,000 people in the UK – it clogs the internal organs, with thick sticky mucus, making it hard to breathe and digest food.

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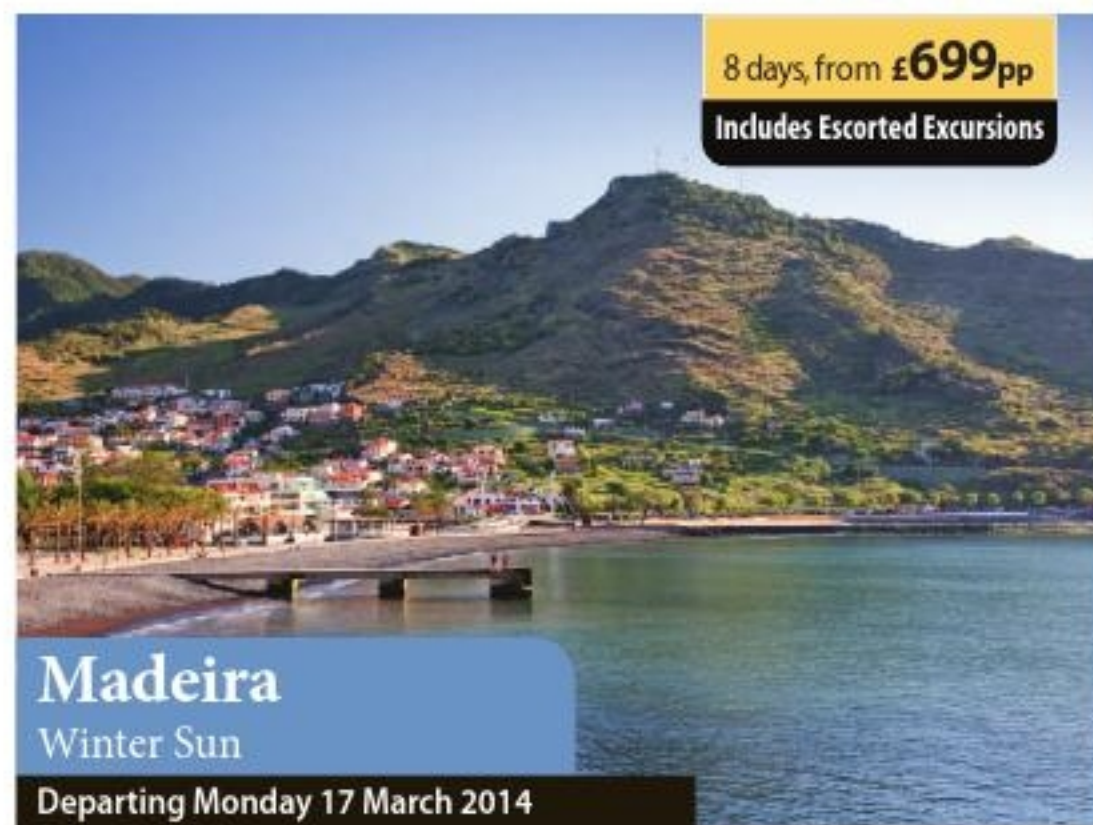
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Do your bit to help those who might be vulnerable

Having a ball for Hannah's Holiday Home

THE team from Basingstoke's Wilko's store have helped raise £500 for charity by taking part in a festive ball.

Basingstoke's team joined staff from stores in Waterlooville, Burgess Hill, Worthing, Camberley, Andover and Horsham for the dance in the Marriott Hotel in Slough.

The ball was in aid of Hannah's Holiday Home Appeal – set up in memory of 10-year-old Waterlooville girl Hannah Westbrook, who died from Hodgkin's disease in 2004.

Paul Swatton, regional manager of the Wilko stores, said: "Our Hannah's Holiday Home Appeal charity ball was a great success and I am really happy with the total that was raised."

"We all had a great time on the night and I must say everyone looked absolutely fantastic."

Pam Marshall, founder, trustee and secretary at Hannah's Holiday Home Appeal, said: "We rely on donations to help us build holiday homes for sick children and their families to enjoy, so support from Wilko is always very much appreciated."

"It was a great event and the total raised really will go a long way."



• Basingstoke's team were part of nearly 100 people who took part in a charity ball – pictured here is the team from Waterlooville

PEOPLE in Basingstoke and across Hampshire are being encouraged to keep a lookout on others who are most vulnerable this winter.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is hoping people can keep an eye on those individuals who could find it a little bit more difficult in coping with the cold weather.

These include older people, babies and young children, as well as those suffering from pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, depression, heart disease and arthritis.

This is especially important in rural communities where not everyone has access to mains gas and communications can be affected.

Any concerns about a neighbour can be reported to the authorities by calling 0845 603 5630.

HCC has also launched a 'Hitting the Cold Spots' campaign, a drive designed to give practical advice for people on staying warm and keeping down energy bills.

For those who are able to access community facilities,

there are also falls prevention exercise classes around Hampshire, which offer an hour long class held by qualified instructors.

A map of classes in Hampshire and downloadable leaflets and information can also be found at www.hants.gov.uk/betterbalance.

Alternatively, call 01962 846605.

Cllr Liz Fairhurst, executive member for Adult Social Care and Public Health at Hampshire County Council, said: "Cold weather not only makes life uncomfortable but for some can lead to serious health problems."

"It is important that people keep warm in winter, but we recognise that some people will be struggling to pay their heating bills."

"People can get immediate practical help and advice by calling the Hitting the Cold Spots freephone advice line."

"I would also ask that people check on older and vulnerable neighbours or relatives to make sure they are safe warm and well."



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Whodunnit?

MILESTONES Museum are hosting an event during the festive season that invites budding young detectives to solve the mystery of the Beast of Basingstoke.

The challenge is aimed at families with children aged seven and above, who can don their deerstalkers and follow the clues to find who has been terrorising the residents of Milestone village!

The attraction takes place from December 27 until January 12.

Best in store

A STORAGE company, which has offices in Tadley and Alton, has scooped the Rural Enterprise Award at the recent Business Food and Farming Industry Awards.

Barn Store founder Martin Bazeley received the award from the BBC's Jeremy Vine at the ceremony at the House of Commons.

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Baker: I am really looking forward to it...

PANTO season has started in Basingstoke with an all-star cast performing Aladdin at The Anvil, running from now until January.

Former Doctor Who and experienced pantomime actor Colin Baker returns to the town to play Abanazar, a role he has not played before in his 33 years on the panto stage.

He is joined by children's television presenter Derek Moran as Wishee Washee, Ian Good returns as Widow Twanky while local actor Chris Carswell performs the title role as Aladdin.

"I must enjoy it, otherwise I

By Adam Flinn

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wouldn't be doing it so often!" said Colin. "It's a lovely show, and I'm really looking forward to it."

"For all the people out there, it's a huge part of their Christmas, and you're aware there's a lot of first-timers in the audience who have never been to panto before, such as the children."

"So the better we can make it, the more we are likely to get the theatre back into people's culture, and show it's a wonderful place to be where you'll have a magical experience."

The story follows Aladdin, the son of poor washer woman

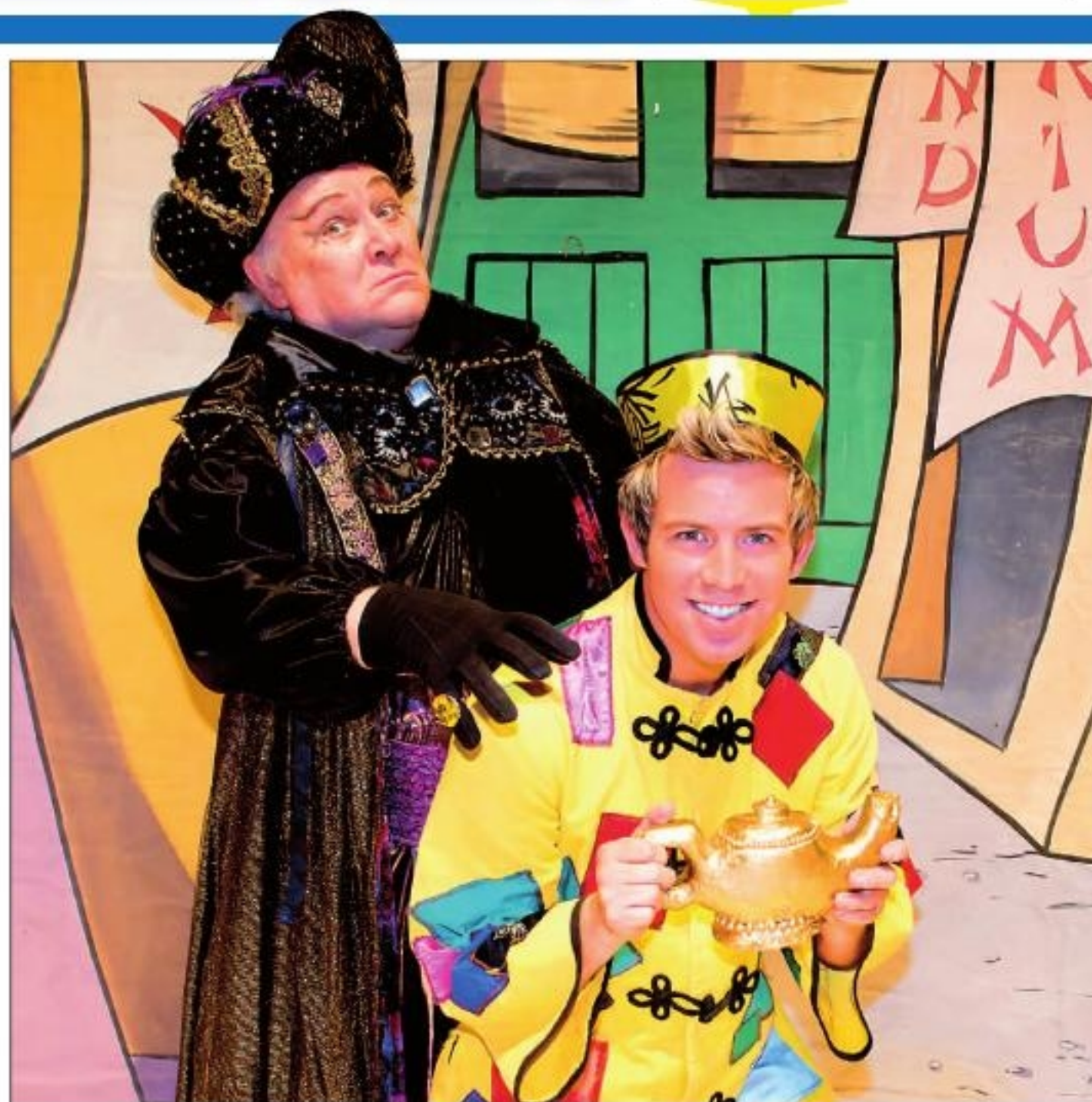
Widow Twanky, and his brother Wishee Washee.

The wicked Abanazar lures Aladdin into a cave brimming with jewels, and he finds a magical lamp housing a genie, who grants him three wishes.

Colin added: "I've done Widow Twanky a couple of times before, but I haven't done Abanazar, so that will be quite nice."

"The thing about Abanazar is he's involved in the action. Some villains, you come on stage on your own, shout a bit and go off again. This one, I get to interact with other members of the cast, which is good."

Aladdin at The Anvil runs until January 5. For a full list of show times and ticket information, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or phone 01256 844244.



Colin Baker as Abanazar and Chris Carswell as Aladdin begin the first of their performances today

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Wrap up warm, Steve

That'll be the day!



A TRIBUTE show to Buddy Holly and The Crickets is taking to the stage at The Haymarket tomorrow and Saturday, in this traditional Christmas show.

The 'Buddy Holly and the Crickets' group will play the classics including 'That'll Be The Day', 'Peggy Sue' and 'It Doesn't Matter Anymore', alongside a number of other contemporary hits.

It starts at 7.30pm, and costs £18.50.

BASINGSTOKE-BASED theatre company Proteus are telling the story of Steve the Penguin until Christmas Eve, in a new show produced especially for young children.

Brrr! is the heart-warming tale of Steve, who lives in a snowdrift but doesn't like the cold, and meets a number of friendly characters on his quest to keep warm.

It is aimed at children who might be too young or have difficulty coping with a traditional theatre performance or pantomime, and the show lasts around 45 minutes as a result.

Mary Swan is the director of the show, and productions targeted at young children is something she has done before with Proteus.

She said: "We've designed a very gentle site-specific show for very young audiences and their families, so it not necessarily a 'sit in your seat and watch' type show."

"It's very Christmassy and unashamedly so, and very interactive. There's very few words in the show, but lots of fun, lots of music and lots of sound."

"Parents and children sit on the floor together and move around a little bit, and certainly get involved with the performance."

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Brrr! also features aerial photography by Lorraine Moynehan, who was one of the choreographers for last year's Paralympic opening ceremony.

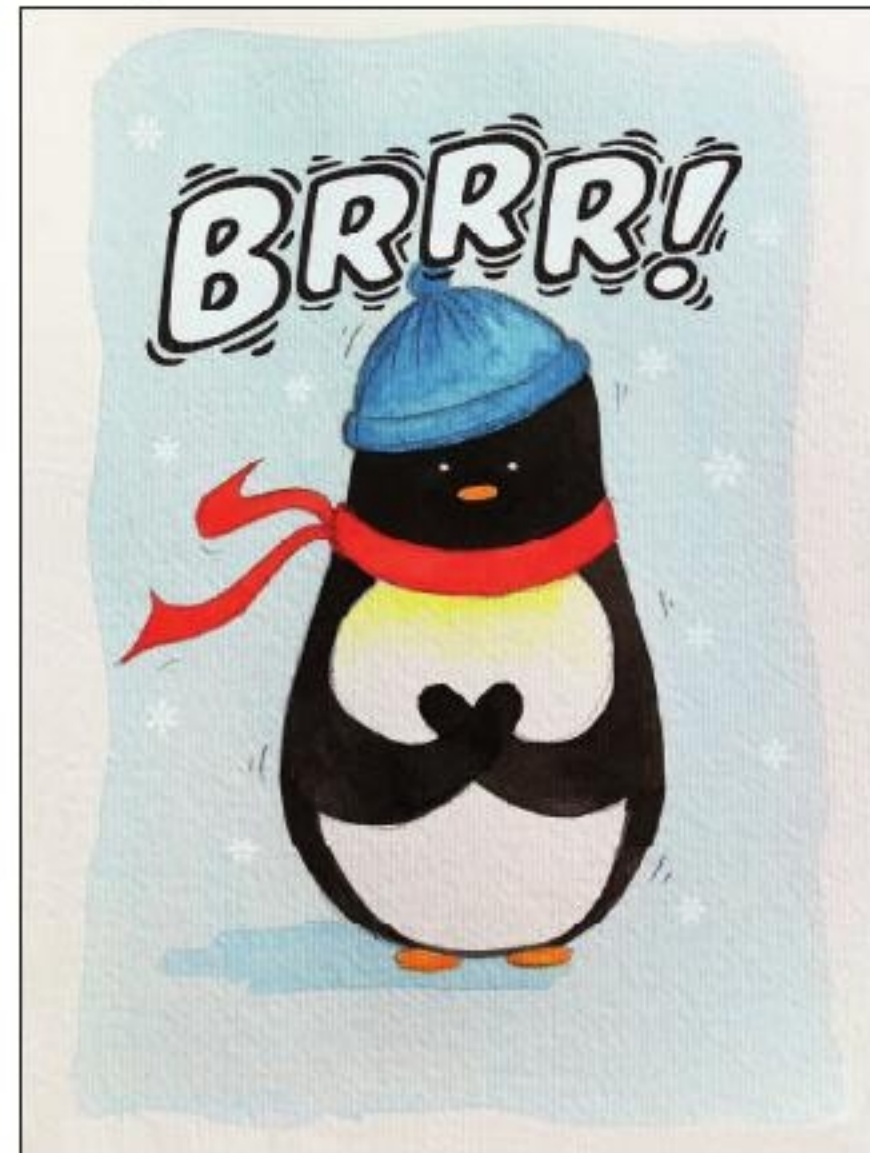
Mary added: "This is the first time we have done something in our own space, and it's the first time we've done something that hasn't toured."

"It means we've got the lovely luxury of being able to make it in one space, and that means we can adapt what we can do."

"We're using aerial stunts and trapeze in the show choreographed by Lorraine, and she trained the amputees, blind and deaf participants in the Paralympics ceremony."

Tickets cost £5 for the show, which runs at 11am and 2.30pm every day until Christmas Eve, with two additional 4.30pm performances today and tomorrow at the Proteus Creation Space.

For more information or to book, call 01256 321621 or visit www.proteustheatre.com.



• Steve the Penguin

Flint St Nativity

THE Sugar and Spice theatre company present The Flint Street Nativity, in a hilarious comedy coming to the Bordon Phoenix tonight and tomorrow.

A class of seven-year-olds are about to perform their nativity play, but squabbles arise when Gabriel wants to play Mary, Herod won't stop waving to his mum and the innkeeper is determined to liven up the script.

Tickets cost £9, and the show begins at 8pm. Call 01420 472664 or go to www.phoenixarts.co.uk to book.

Goober Gun are coming to town

BRITISH rock and roll band Goober Gun are at The Railway, Winchester, on Monday, featuring the line-up of Tim Hardwick, Ian Hardwick and James Kaine.

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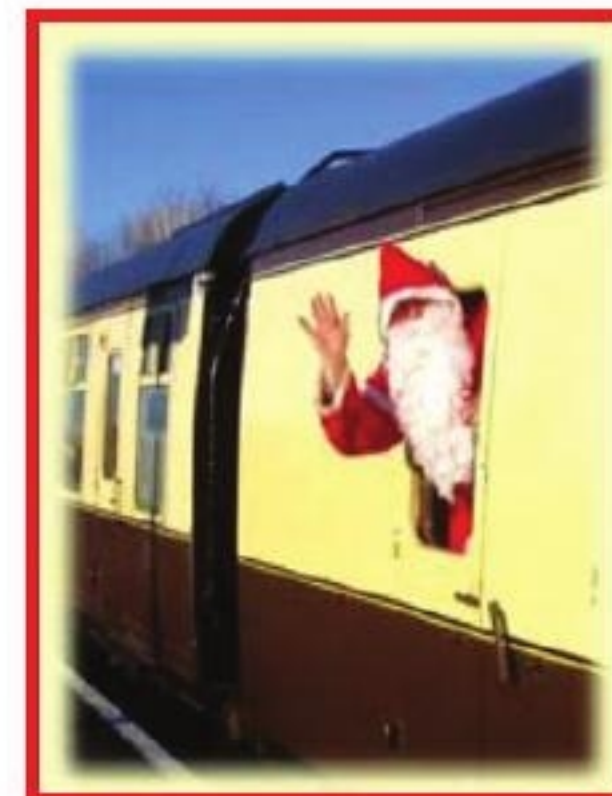


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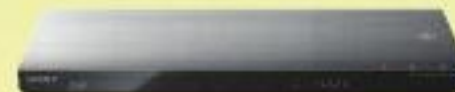
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 From one side to the other (6)
8 Fill with air (7)
9 Walk uncertainly (6)
10 Female adorning magazine (5,4)
11 Face (4)
13 Foolish (5)
14 Climbs (7)
16 Environment (7)
18 Loafer (5)
19 Accurate (4)
21 Penultimate round of contest (4-5)
22 Capers (6)
23 Restricted to a certain locality (7)
24 Idea (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Radio broadcaster (9)
2 Every other (9)
3 Platform (5)
5 Calm (4)
6 Appoint (6)
7 Charms (6)
9 Confidence (5)
11 Time limits (9)
12 Hormone (9)
15 Mountain range (5)
16 Narrow waterway (6)
17 Reptile (6)
20 Moon goddess (5)
21 Mark (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 A chest for the chesty? (6)
8 Left at sea one gets no return share (7)
9 Deposits and positions (6)
10 He has loads of work (9)
11 Noticed, we hear, the affliction (4)
13 Rubbish; of course you can eat it (5)
14 Early French fathers have current importance (7)
16 Two by two in a closeup (7)
18 Takes a lordly look? (5)
19 By the sound of it deserves to get the bird (4)
21 Stands sole treat (9)
22 Sarah's got nothing on in the bar (6)
23 Figures cut by crazy clerics (7)
24 I'd sing about the track (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Later Bill gets one alternative (9)
2 A suitable hat to wear on the range (9)
3 007's ties? (5)
5 Go up to the Frenchman and make eyes (4)
6 Act in for the agent (6)
7 Ushers out in great haste (6)
9 Correct point is of first importance (5)
11 Can get upset in harsh division (9)
12 He's trained to save the game (9)
15 Soundly attacked a criminal (5)
16 A popular count (6)
17 Not at all dressy (6)
20 Referee takes it to make ready for further use (5)
21 This urban district won't change (4)

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Spiced 8 Employs 10 Thought 11 Steep
12 Enter 13 Strangers 16 Abstinent 19 Trust 20 Nasty
22 Reasons 23 Holiest 24 Dressy

Down: 1 Beasts 2 Apse 3 Compensations 5
Processionals 6 Cogitate 7 Deters 9 Style 14 Regulate
15 Stared 17 Smash 18 Trysts 21 Seed

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Purred 8 Engross 10 Princes 11 These
12 Tides 13 Clearance 16 Outweighs 19 Depot
20 Taken 22 Crayons 23 Tangent 24 Sateen
Down: 1 Septic 2 Ogle 3 To be or not to be
5 Uninteresting 6 Receding 7 Disuse 9 Spain
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The new 3 is the latest Mazda to use the firm's advanced SKYACTIV design process, which aims to add strength while reducing weight, thereby giving good driving dynamics combined with high crash safety: the 3 has already been awarded a 5-Star Euro NCAP safety rating.

All Mazda3s will come with Smart City Brake Support (SCBS), which helps to reduce or prevent low-speed collisions by automatically applying the brakes if the driver fails to act, i-stop idle-stop system, and Hill Hold Assist (HHA) to prevent roll back on inclines.

The range is made up of five specification levels - SE, SE Nav, SE-L, SE-L Nav and the flagship Sport Nav.

Tested here is the SE-L Nav,

REVIEW: Mazda3

By Philip Shoulder

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which adds rain-sensing front wipers, Bi-Xenon headlights with automatic levelling, rear privacy glass, cruise control, rear parking sensors, heated front seats and satellite navigation.

The 3 is engaging to drive, regardless of spec and engine derivative, with communicative well-weighted steering and poised, grippy handling. Praise too for the brakes, which are strong and responsive, without the oversensitivity sometimes affecting Japanese cars.

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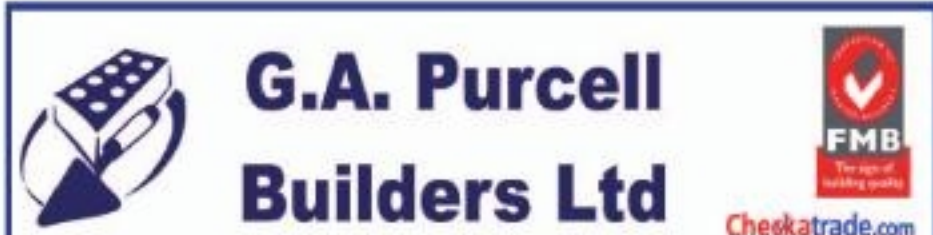
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Whitchurch win again, and Tadley break curse

WHITCHURCH are now unbeaten in their last 12 games in the Wessex Premier League, following a 2-1 away win against Romsey Town on Saturday.

The Jam Boys have not lost in the league since a 2-1 home defeat against Sholing back in September, who haven't lost a game themselves during the entire season.

Whitchurch remain sixth in the standings with 43 points, eight behind league leaders Winchester City.

Meanwhile, Tadley Calvea got back to winning ways as they beat New Milton Town 3-1 at home, and remain 10th in the Wessex League First Division.

Calvea have 19 points after 17 games but have played up to four games more than some of the teams around them, and are 18 behind leaders Andover Town.

Elsewhere, Hartley Wintney won their first game since November 19, with a 3-1 home victory against Ash United.

It ends a run of four straight losses in the Combined Counties Premier league, and Wintney are 14th in the standings with 26 points.

Whitchurch were expected to play Blackfield and Langley, Tadley were due to travel to Alresford Town and Wintney scheduled to play Molesey on Tuesday night as the Observer went to press.

Herd tame Wildcats, but beaten by Slough

By Adam Flinn

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BASINGSTOKE Bison had a mixed weekend on the road, winning Saturday's match against Swindon Wildcats 4-3 before suffering a 4-2 loss to the Slough Jets on Sunday.

Tomas Karpov got the visitors off to a good start at Swindon, as he opened the scoring at 8:46 on the powerplay with assists from Joe Rand and Miroslav Vantroba.

The Wildcats equalised through Adam Harding before the end of the first period, with an assist from Aku Pekkarinen.

Bison were back in front at 32:34 as Joe Miller scored on a powerplay, but the scores were again level by the end of the period as Jonas Hoog found the net two minutes later.

Miller picked up his second goal at 52:25 and completed his hat-trick soon afterwards, and while Jan Kostal would pull a goal back, the Herd held on for a 4-3 win.

But Bison were unable to continue their form into Sunday, as the Slough Jets spoiled the Herd's hopes of another four-point weekend.

The Jets scored the only goal of the first period, as Darius Pliskauskas knocked one past Dean Skinnis at 12:11.

Bison captain Nicky Chinn tied the game at 23:13, and Joe Rand got the visitors into the lead two minutes later.

But that was as good as it got for Bison, as the Jets first levelled and then got in front with two Ales Padalek goals, to give the hosts a 3-2 advantage going into the final period.

Padalek then completed his hat-trick in the final 20 minutes, as Slough finished as 4-2 winners.

The weekend's results drop Bison to third in the English Ice Hockey Premier League with 38 points after 26 games, two points behind Manchester Phoenix and Guildford Flames.

Bison return to action on Saturday with a home game against the Bracknell Bees, before playing the reverse fixture the following day.



• Joe Miller (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

Sport Bites

Rose misses out

JUSTIN Rose came ninth in the BBC Sport's Personality of the Year awards on Sunday night, having polled just under 10,000 votes.

Rose's 9,833 votes reflected 1.37 per cent of the poll, which was dominated by Wimbledon champion Andy Murray, who collected more than half of all the votes.

He was nominated for his strong season, which has included his first major title at the US Open and a third-place finish in the European Tour's Race to Dubai.

Nominate now!

NOMINATIONS are open for the Basingstoke and Deane Sports Awards, set up to honour local sportspeople, officials and clubs for their efforts this year.

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Application forms can be downloaded from www.basingstokesc.org.uk, and emailed to basingstokesc@btinternet.com.

Hockey triumph

BASINGSTOKE men's hockey team ended 2013 in fine form, as they thrashed Sunbury and Walton Hawks 5-1 to reinforce their lead at the top of the Hampshire and Surrey Regional Two league table.

The ladies team also enjoyed a similar result, as they beat Worthing Ladies 5-1 to stay top of the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League with their 13th consecutive win.

Both teams must now wait until January for their next games.

The men play Haselmere on the 18th and the ladies face London Wayfarers on the 11th.

Croker's men edged out at Down Grange by Tonbridge Juddians

BASINGSTOKE RFC narrowly missed out on winning their first game since November, as they lost 35-31 at home against Tonbridge Juddians on Saturday.

'Stoke had got off to a good start as Adam Davies kicked over a penalty, but the Juddians equalised almost immediately

with their own penalty from Luke Makris.

A drop goal for Davies was followed by another Makris penalty as the scores remained level, before James Croker's men got the game's first try through Rudi Kochanowski.

Once again the Juddians were level as they picked up an

unconverted try through Tom Noot, before Liam Rankin got the visitors in front.

'Stoke came back as Gavin Dampies and Tim Richards scored tries to give the hosts a 23-16 lead at half-time.

Noot got his second try of the game and Makris converted to once again tie the game, but

Dave Byett scored a penalty for Basingstoke to get them back ahead.

Dampies went over for another try to give 'Stoke an eight point lead with only five minutes remaining.

But Liam Chennells forced his way through for a try, which Makris again converted to put

the Juddians only one point behind.

And a Matt Logan try was enough to give the visitors a late win as 'Stoke were unable to break the Juddians line in the dying moments of the game.

Basingstoke's next game is away to Dorking on Saturday.

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BRISTOW - WE'RE VERY FRUSTRATED

Manager bemoans another narrow defeat for Dragons

JASON Bristow feels frustration is the only word to describe his side's situation after another 1-0 loss in the Skril South.

The Dragons were beaten at the Camrose by table-topping Bromley - their third consecutive 1-0 defeat in the league.

Bristow's men have now failed to find the net in five league games, losing four of them.

However, they did progress to the third round of the Hampshire Senior Cup last week with a 2-0 win over Bournemouth Poppies.

And frustration is the word on Bristow's lips as his team struggle for goals.

"It's the right word to use at the moment - frustration," he said. "We've created a few chances but we haven't taken them."

"Obviously in those games, if we get the first goal, then it's a

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completely different game.

"Defensively, we're doing really well - we just need to start scoring goals at the other end to take the pressure off the defence."

Bristow also feels that his side are not getting the run of the ball at the moment.

"It certainly felt that way on Saturday," he said. "We had a couple cleared off the line, we hit the inside of the post and rebounded out - it's just not falling kindly for us at the minute."

"It goes the other way when you're winning games as well - frustration is the perfect word to use."

"In the first half, I don't think we coped with the conditions too well - neither side created too

much.

"And it was a mistake from us that led to their goal."

"But in the second half we had a lot of chances - we had a lot of possession and were really unfortunate not to get back in the game."

Despite his side's lack of goals, Bristow denied that he was rushing to bring in a new marksman.

However, he admitted he was always on the lookout for players who would improve the team.

"We're obviously on the lookout all the time for players who are going to strengthen the side."

"We'll use this week wisely, and have a look at players, and see if there's anything out there who we feel could help us."

"But we're certainly not going to rush out and get someone for the sake of it."

Basingstoke are now 11th in the table, and face a trip to Bishops Stortford on Saturday.

Their hosts at the weekend are well-placed in seventh, with at least two games in hand over many of the teams around them.



• Nathan Smart carries the ball against Bromley (Picture by Les Chase)

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